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AMENDMENT / REPLY AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed February 20, 2007, and is timely filed.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 21-30, 41-47, and 55-62 are pending in the present application. No claims were amended. New claims 55-62 have been added. Claims 21-24, 28-29, 41-44, and 46-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by VanNatter (U.S. Pat. No. 5,553,570). Claims 21 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Russell (U.S. Pat. No. 5,195,917). Claims 25 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over VanNatter. Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russell in view of Alonso (U.S. Pat. No. 3,375,604). Claim 30 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over VanNatter in view of Snook (U.S. Pat. No. 6,601,539). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

No claims have been amended. New claims 55-62 have been added. No claims have been deleted. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicant respectfully contends that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.